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Testimony to the House K-12 Budget Committee

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Subject: BILL NUMBER: HB2048, Tax Credit Scholarship Expansion
Opponent, written testimony only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,
We are writing to voice our strong opposition to bill HB2048.
We 100-percent believe in public education and object to spending our tax dollars on private schools, especially those with religious affiliations. Parents who send their children to private schools do so as a CHOICE. That does not give them a right to our tax dollars. They are more than welcome to take advantage of the public system to which they may pay taxes. Public schools benefit ALL Kansas students. Private vouchers do not. That's all the reason you need to vote against and dismiss this proposed increase in voucher funding.

We urge you to fully fund Kansas public education, to limit or remove tax dollars for private school vouchers, and to vote against the bill that would allow private school students to participate in public school sports. It makes no sense to allow students to represent a school they do not attend!

Thank you for your work on behalf of Kansas education and our students!

Best regards,
Debby and Mark McDonald